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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Congregation  
4 Kneseth Israel on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of its  
5 founding; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1892, a group of Jewish citizens of Elgin  
7 organized a house of worship in the city; the first families  
8 were farmers, merchants, and tradesmen; many of these families  
9 helped supervise the production of the uniforms in the Chicago  
10 garment district for Civil War volunteers; and

11           WHEREAS, The congregation worshipped on the second floor of  
12 a building in Elgin and called themselves Congregation Tifereth  
13 Israel; the name changed to Congregation Kneseth Israel (CKI)  
14 when they merged with another local developing group; and

15           WHEREAS, The organization has grown to become the religious  
16 and cultural home to over 200 families from Elgin, the  
17 surrounding Fox Valley, and communities to the east; and

18           WHEREAS, Today, as throughout its history, the membership  
19 of Congregation Kneseth Israel has contributed significantly  
20 to the civic, cultural, educational, medical, commercial,  
21 legal, and emotional well-being of all citizens of Elgin and

1 its surrounding communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Congregation Kneseth Israel continues to meet the  
3 spiritual needs and interests of a diverse and growing Jewish  
4 population throughout the Fox River Valley area and the  
5 surrounding counties of Kane, McHenry, DuPage, DeKalb, and  
6 northwest Cook; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate Congregation Kneseth Israel on the occasion of  
10 the 120th anniversary of its founding; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Congregation Kneseth Israel as a expression of our  
13 esteem and respect.